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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS**

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

HARNEK SINGH,

Petitioner,

v.

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 04-75742

Agency No. A79-286-660

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted July 24, 2006**

Before: ALARCÓN, HAWKINS, and THOMAS, Circuit Judges.

Harnek Singh, a native and citizen of India, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") summary affirmance of an Immigration Judge's ("IJ") denial of his application for asylum, withholding of removal, and

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** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

relief under the Convention Against Torture (“CAT”). We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review adverse credibility findings for substantial evidence, *Chebchoub v. INS*, 257 F.3d 1038, 1042 (9th Cir. 2001), and we deny the petition.

Substantial evidence supports the IJ’s adverse credibility finding based on inconsistencies between petitioner’s testimony and documentary evidence that he submitted, a finding that petitioner’s testimony that was vague and lacking in detail, and petitioner’s nonresponsiveness to questions during his hearing. *See id.* at 1043-45; *see also Singh-Kaur v. INS*, 183 F.3d 1147, 1153 (9th Cir. 1999).

Because petitioner failed to demonstrate that he is eligible for asylum, it follows that he did not satisfy the more stringent standard for withholding of removal. *See Farah v. Ashcroft*, 348 F.3d 1153, 1156 (9th Cir. 2003).

Because petitioner’s CAT claim is based on the same testimony that was found not credible, and he points to no other evidence to support this claim, his CAT claim also fails. *See id.* at 1157.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.